

from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays. Financial assistance will be available to Ypsilanti residents, allowing for low-income community members to provide childcare to their children in a safe and nurturing environment. The facility consists of three classrooms, a playground and a gymnasium, and is located within the former Chapelle Elementary School. This visionary center will offer children and parents quality childcare in our local community, and we are grateful for the YMCA's ongoing commitment to Ypsilanti residents.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Ypsilanti YMCA's years of service to our southeast Michigan community. Their newly opened childhood development center will create a brighter and more healthy future for local youth.

RECOGNIZING THE LIVERPOOL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKET- BALL TEAM

HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the victory of the Liverpool Warriors Boys basketball team in the New York State Public High School Association Class AA Championship on March 17, 2018. The Liverpool Warriors defeated the Half Hollow Hills East team by a score of 71–64 to win the state title for the first time in program history.

The Warriors' victory marked the end of a perfect season for the team. Despite this dominant record the game was close, with the Warriors trailing by seven at halftime. They rallied in the second half won the game. Tournament MVP, Senior Charles Pride, who scored 18 points along with seven rebounds and six assists, and senior Noah Issakainen who added another 17 points in the win. Members of the championship team included Pride, Issakainen, as well as seniors Peter Cerrone, Alan Willmes, Joe Desocio, Nas Johnson, Connor Jones, juniors Kyle Butler, Alex Ruston, Jake Pisen, Nick Klein, Joe Valerino, Ryan Valentine, Ian Conroy, Matt Senecal, and sophomores Freshaun Dreher, Kyle Caves, and Lateef Edwards. The team was led to victory by their coach Ryan Blackwell.

I am honored to recognize the teamwork displayed by the Liverpool Warriors and to congratulate the members of the team, their families, the coaching staff, and teachers at Liverpool High School. This is a historic win for Central New York, the first Section III Class AA title since 2002, and I am confident that the positive experiences from the 2018 season will yield the Warriors continued success in both athletics and academics.

SPENDING CUTS TO EXPIRED AND UNNECESSARY PROGRAMS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 7, 2018

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I support the idea of rescissions. Some of the rescissions

proposed by the Republicans are a good idea, but Republican leadership would not allow us to vote on the proposals separately. Therefore, I have no choice but to oppose the entire rescissions package. I hope to work with my colleagues to make fiscally responsible decisions moving forward.

HONORING THE LIFE AND WORK OF SAL VENTURA

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize over three decades of the dedicated work and compassionate leadership of Mr. Sal Ventura in service of improving the lives of working families in our community.

Sal was born in San Jose in the late 50's. Raised and educated in Santa Clara County, he completed the San Jose City College Labor Studies Program and started his long and storied career with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) with an apprenticeship in 1981. Sal was hired as IBEW staff in the Organizing Department in January, 1995, and by May, 1997, he was appointed as Business Agent.

In all, Sal spent 36 years as a member of the IBEW and 32 years as a member of the IBEW Local 332 Political Action Committee, serving as Chairman for 14 years. Over the course of his career, Sal served as an elected Executive Board member and as Vice President of IBEW 332. As he retires, Sal is the current President of the South Bay Labor Council executive board and the assistant manager of IBEW Local 332.

During his career, Sal expanded his efforts beyond IBEW and served on many labor and community boards and committees, including as Former Executive Board Member of the South Bay Labor Council, Delegate and former Trustee of the Santa Clara/San Benito Counties Building Trades, and Chairman of the South Bay Labor Council Community Services Committees. Additionally, Sal has served on the Board of Christmas in April/Rebuild Together Silicon Valley and with our community radio station, KKUP.

Mr. Speaker, I hereby recognize and commend Sal Ventura for his lifelong work and commitment to work in the best interest of our community. I congratulate him on his impressive career and commend him on his invaluable service. As Sal continues his life in San Jose with his wife, Jenny, his two daughters, two puppies, and a parakeet, I wish him a restful and fulfilling retirement. We have been lucky to have him.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LATE SEAMAN 1ST CLASS EDWARD SLAPIKAS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS FINAL HOMECOMING

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Seaman 1st Class Ed-

ward Slapikas. 77 years ago, Edward was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor and buried in Hawaii, but never identified. On Saturday, June 9, 2018, Edward received a hero's welcome home and full military honors following a Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Spirit Parish.

Edward Slapikas was born on August 9, 1915, son of the late Frank and Ursula Slapikas. He grew up in the Wanamie section of Newport Township, Pennsylvania and attended Newport Area High School. After graduation, he worked for the Glen Alden Coal Company before joining the Navy in 1940.

On December 7, 1941, Edward was serving aboard the USS *Oklahoma* berthed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The *Oklahoma* endured Japanese torpedo attacks which capsized the ship and killed 26-year-old Edward and more than 400 of his fellow sailors. Edward and his compatriots were laid to rest in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl Cemetery) in Hawaii.

More than 70 years after that fateful December day, Edward was identified and finds his final resting place in St. Mary's Cemetery in his hometown of Wanamie. VFW Post 971 is named in Edward's memory, and his remaining family, a niece and nephew, was in attendance to celebrate his legacy.

It is a solemn honor to recognize the memory of Seaman 1st Class Edward Slapikas. Our nation is grateful for his selfless service in World War II. We shall never forget his sacrifice for our freedom, and we are honored to finally welcome him home. May he rest in peace.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MICHAEL K. BAACH

HON. JAMES B. RENACCI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

Mr. RENACCI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of life's work of Michael K. Baach of Medina, Ohio and to extend my heartfelt congratulations on his retirement in June, 2018.

Mike Baach has played an important role as the President and CEO of Philpott Rubber and Plastics Company since August, 2009. Founded in northeast Ohio in 1889 and headquartered in Medina, Ohio, Philpott is a leading provider of custom molded rubber and plastic parts, standard polymeric products, and quality adhesives to the industrial market sector. Mike is the team leader of a workforce of dedicated professionals, more than 1,000 strong, whose combined productivity generates revenue exceeding \$70 million annually. By any measure, Mike's leadership, business acumen, professionalism are the gold standard we should all hope to emulate. What is more, Mike embodies these values with humility and a strong sense of deeply held core values. Mike, as I can personally attest, is both friend as well as a mentor to many.

Before his time at Philpott, Mike was a Co-Founder of Corpro, initially in Houston, Texas and then later in Medina, Ohio. Mike also worked as a sales manager at Harco Corporation, also in Houston and Medina. At each stage of his career, Mike has worked hard and added value for both to the customers he served as well as the companies for which he